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SUBJECT: TASS ON CONCLUSION OF YUGOSLAV-CHINESE
NEGOTIATIONS

1. TASS ITEM CARRIED IN AUGUST 30 PRAVDA ON CON-
CLUSION OF HUA'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA REVERTS TO
QUERULOUS, SOMEWHAT DISTRUSTFUL TONE OF EARLIER
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REPORTING. AFTER PARAPHRASING AND QUOTING SOME
ELEMENTS IN TWO SIDES' FINAL STATEMENT AS REPORTED
IN BELGRADE PRESS (ON OVERALL UNANIMITY OR CLOSENESS
OF VIEWS, MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA), TASS MAKES THESE
OBSERVATIONS ON THE VISIT:

-- NO MENTION IS MADE IN PRESS OF MILITARY COOPERA-

TION, "ALTHOUGH WESTERN SOURCES CONFIRM THAT AN AGREEMENT DETAILING FORMS OF SUCH COOPERATION . . . AND RANGE OF YUGOSLAV DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT (TEKHNIKI)" WILL BE SIGNED BY YUGOSLAV CHIEF OF STAFF IN PEKING IN MID-SEPTEMBER;
-- HUA REPEATED "HACKNEYED PHRASES ABOUT HEGEMONISM," AND AVOIDED GIVING HIS POSITION ON DETENTE, DISARMAMENT, AND NATIONAL-LIBERATION MOVEMENTS;

-- NO DISCUSSION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S AND CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH "OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" IS REFLECTED IN RESULTS OF BILATERAL TALKS AS REPORTED IN BELGRADE PRESS;

-- YUGOSLAV SIDE DID NOT EXPRESS IN PUBLISHED STATEMENTS ITS POSITION ON PRC "EXPANSIONIST ACTIONS" AGAINST VIETNAM;
-- THERE IS NO INFORMATION INDICATING WHETHER YUGOSLAV SIDE CONVEYED TO HUA ANY DISAGREEMENT WITH ACTIONS OF CURRENT CHINESE LEADERS IN AGGRAVATING THE ARMS RACE AND IN ALIGNING THEMSELVES WITH "MOST SHAMELESS NATO FORCES ON ANTI-SOVIET BASIS."

3. COMMENT: THUS TASS CONCLUDES FINAL PORTION OF HUA'S YUGOSLAV STAY BY RAISING DOUBTS ABOUT THE UTILITY OF THE VISIT FROM SEVERAL ANGLES, INCLUDING INTERESTS OF SOCI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALIST COUNTRIES. TASS ALSO QUESTIONS THE CANDOR OF THE RECORD OF THE TALKS AS PUBLISHED IN BELGRADE PRESS, AND IMPLIES THE BURDEN IS NOW ON YUGOSLAVIA TO ASSUAGE THESE DOUBTS AND SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. WE THINK IT IS LIKELY RANKING SOVIET OFFICIALS WILL ADOPT THE SAME POSTURE, ESPECIALLY REGARDING THE REPORTED ARMS TRANSACTION, IF THEY MEET WITH YUGOSLAV COUNTERPARTS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, AS IS WIDELY EXPECTED HERE. GARRISON

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